

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and communities; and,

*Whereas*, Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the glue that holds communities together; and,

*Whereas*, According to the United States Small Business Administration, there were nearly 23 million small businesses in the United States, representing more than 99 percent of American employer firms, creating more than two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generating 46 percent of private gross domestic products; and,

*Whereas*, Small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue, and it is important for people to support the small businesses they value in their community; and,

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economies, and preserve our neighborhoods; and,

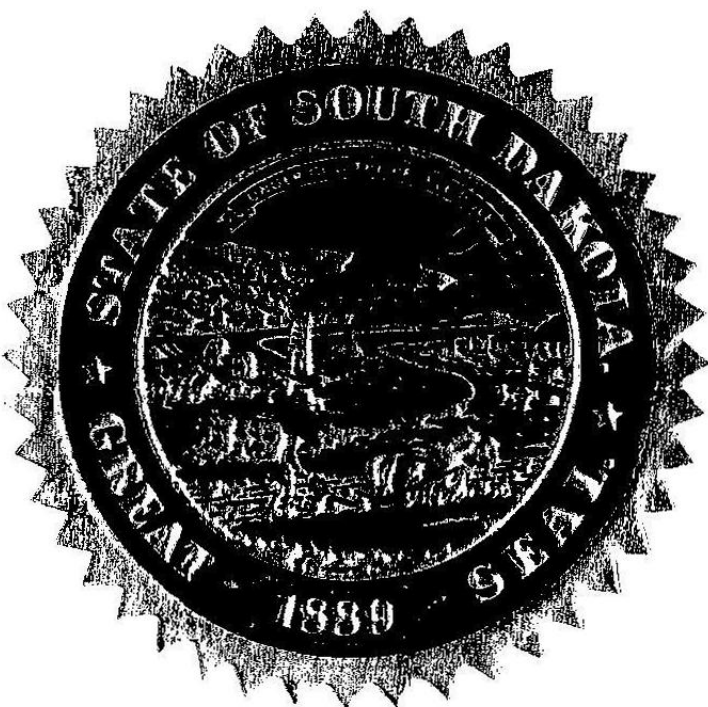
*Whereas*, Advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and,

*Whereas*, Residents of communities across the country are being asked to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2015, as

## *SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State